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19 December 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director of Development & Procurement

25X1C4c **SUBJECT : [REDACTED] Purchase Authority**

1. I have glanced over this purchase order (No. 467) which is satisfactory as far as I can tell. I have no basis for judging the hourly billing rates proposed. Unless you have questions, I should think this could be approved.

25X1C4c 2. Incidentally, I hope [REDACTED] is not under the impression that they have the authority to approve commitments of this magnitude without prior submission to us. I am sympathetic to the terms proposed in [REDACTED] note to you of 17 December which would give them authority to authorize expenditures up to and including \$5,000. I feel, however, that even in the exercise of this authority it should be their habit to consult informally with us on expenditures in excess of \$1,000 unless such consultation is impracticable, inconvenient or time-consuming. Such consultation could involve nothing more than [REDACTED] advice to us that they were contemplating a commitment for some stated purpose with a rough approximation of its cost and a rejoinder from us that this seemed to be sensible. What I have in mind, then, is that they should make small commitments on their own authority without reference to us, consult with us informally on expenditures in the range from roughly \$1,000 to \$5,000, and secure specific approval preferably in writing for expenditures in excess of \$5,000.

25X1C4c 3. If these ideas make sense to you, I suggest that they be discussed with [REDACTED] and then with [REDACTED]

(sgd) Richard M. Bissell, Jr.

RICHARD M. BESSELL, JR.
Project Director

25X1C4c 2 Attachments
Purchase Order No. 467
17 Dec 57 note fm [REDACTED]

RMB:djm

1-Addressee

2- " (for [REDACTED])

3-Pro. Dir. R Chrono

4-Deputy Project Director

5-Addressee for Project Comptroller

6-R Chrono (Security Offr)